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SUBJECT: CCINC CUSTOMS TRAINING

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1. IN THE PAST YEAR U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS HAVE RESULTED IN NARCOTIC INTERDICTION TRAINING FOR OVER 1200 FOREIGN CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES IN 22 COUNTRIES.
2. AS WILL BE SEEN IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, THE TRAINING IS DIRECTED AT CUSTOMS SERVICES AND OTHER BORDER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHOSE MAIN FUNCTION IS THE INTERDICTION OF CONTRA-BAND. ALTHOUGH THE THRUST OF THE PROGRAM IS CENTERED ON THE STOPPING OF THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO AND THROUGH THE HOST COUNTRY, MOST FOREIGN CUSTOMS SERVICES REALIZE THAT INCREASED REVENUES DUE TO THE IMPROVED INSPECTION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES TAUGHT IS AN ADDITIONAL VALUABLE RESULT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM.
3. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM THE AIRGRAM WILL CLARIFY THE GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROPOSED U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM:

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U.S. CUSTOMS WILL RETAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TRAIN

FOREIGN OFFICIALS IN CUSTOMS, INSPECTION, AND BORDER CONTROL OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES UNDER CCINC PROGRAMS. IN COUNTRIES WHERE CUSTOMS HAVE DIVIDED

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INSPECTION, BORDER CONTROL, AND INVESTIGATIONS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN THESE AGENCIES WILL BE DIVIDED ALONG FUNCTIONAL LINES. U.S. CUSTOMS WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF INSPECTIONAL BORDER CONTROL OFFICERS AND DEA WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF THOSE OFFICERS HAVING DRUG INVESTIGATIVE OR DRUG INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE WILL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE VISIT THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE INTEREST IS EXPRESSED IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHEDULING TRAINING, DETERMINING APPROPRIATE COURSE CONTENT, AND ARRANGING FOR CLASSROOM FACILITIES.

5. PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO CURRENT COUNTRY POSITIONS ON TRAINING SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE. FAVORABLE REPLIES SHOULD ALSO BE COMMUNICATED BY ADDRESSEE POSTS SO THAT A CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE ITINERARY MAY BE PLANNED. KISSINGER

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